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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

QUESTION OF AMERICAN RESERVATIONS.

LONDON, January 2.
The Daily Telegraph New York correspondent says Senator Hitchcock, the Government Senate Leader, discussed with Viscount Grey the proposed reservation limiting voting power in the League of Nations. The latter pointed out the seriousness of the results that would be entailed by the adoption of such a reservation. Canada and Australia would immediately protest and he indicated that they had so impressed their view upon the London Government that it would be compelled to back them up. In his opinion disruption of the League would result. Viscount Grey said in conversation with Senators and other officials, that those who insist upon this reservation were unduly alarmed over the possibilities of separate votes for the British Dominions, but they were conjuring up numerical dangers, while the United States will create a very real danger to the League's existence if it insists upon equipping the voting power of the United States and the British Empire in the League Assembly. Senator Hitchcock asked whether the Johnson reservation, which the Senate rejected and which aimed at the equalisation of the voting strength giving the United States as many votes as the combined votes of Great Britain and the Dominions, namely six, would be more acceptable to the British Colonies. He said he thought it would, but pointed out that France, Italy and the other Powers having but one vote would protest that they were unfairly discriminated against and they too should have six votes. Senator Hitchcock made no secret of the fact that he feared the question would prove one of the hardest to adjust.

AVIATION.

FROM FRANCE TO SAIGON.

Paris, January 3.
A French aeroplane is leaving Paris on January 3 for Saigon, via Athens, Antioch, Karachi, Allahabad, Rangoon and Bangkok.

THOSE PARIS JOURNALISTS.

Paris, January 3.
The press gives prominence to news from Washington that America gives Japan a free hand in Siberia.

THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT REACHED.

LONDON, January 3.
A provisional settlement has been reached in the moulders' strike, the terms being subject to the men's ballot. The employers agree to a weekly increase of 5s. Work is being resumed before January 19 and all strikers will be taken back without victimisation on either side.

AUSTRIA'S BAD CASE.

LONDON, January 3.
The coal situation in Austria is unprecedentedly critical. All passenger trains have stopped during the past ten days and there is a likelihood of an early total cessation of electric light and tramways in Vienna.

DANISH STEAMER MINED.

COPENHAGEN, January 3.
The Danish steamer "Jemtland" hit a mine north of Jutland and was lost. Only five people were killed.

SOUTHERN RUSSIA.

Paris, January 3.
The Supreme Council has decided on steps for the evacuation of the population of Southern Russia which is threatened by the Bolshevik invasion.

TROUBLESOME ARABS.

LONDON, December 31.
An official announcement says the Arabs who seized Deirzeor, as mentioned on December 19, are now dispersing for want of food and organisation. Tribes in the middle Euphrates show determined hostility to the invaders. Albulkema was occupied on December 21. All is quiet. The British personnel captured at Deirzeor by the Arabs have been released and have rejoined the British force.

DENIKIN OUTED?

LONDON, January 3.
A Bolshevik wireless states that owing to defeat a coup d'etat has occurred at Denikin's headquarters and a new Government was established with General Romanoffsky replacing Denikin.

DO JAPANESE DISLIKE COLD CLIMATE?

LONDON, Jan. 7.
The newspapers give prominence to the serious position of Koltchak and Denikin and the importance of a resolve to check Bolshevism in eastern Siberia. A high authority interviewed by the Daily Mail said the presence of the Japanese in eastern Siberia will prove the salvation of Siberia and even of Manchuria from Bolshevik control. He did not think the Japanese would make territorial claims in east Siberia. His experience had taught him they had an innate dislike of cold climates. The Japanese population would not desire to colonise eastern Siberia. Their colonial aspirations lay farther south. What the Japanese would ask for and probably be granted were certain trading and mining concessions.

LABOUR WINS BY ELECTION.

LONDON, January 3.
The Spen Valley election resulted as follows:
Mr. Myers, Labourite, 11,962.
Sir John Simon, Liberal, 10,244.
Colonel Fairfax, Coalition Liberal, 8,134.

AMERICAN "ROUND-UP OF RADICALS."

New York, January 3.
The greatest round-up of radicals in the history of the country took place last evening several thousands being arrested in all parts of the country. It is expected they will be deported in large batches. Some of the arrested people are American born but the majority are foreigners, there being numerous Russians.

WHO, NOT DEAD.

LONDON, January 3.
The Times New York correspondent says Count Plunkett was highly amused at the anxiety of reporters to know if he was dead. The London agency which issued the original statement, explains the correspondent, is giving the day on which he departed for Belle Creek, contracted Wednesday into "Wed" which was misread in New York as "died."

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

COMING TRADE BOOM.

LONDON, January 2nd.
In connection with the anticipated trade boom in 1920, great schemes are being prepared by British traders to give Britain domination in the world's markets. The Daily Mail says that one of the schemes being pushed forward by the Department of Overseas Trade is designed to induce buyers in the Dominions Overseas. It will, in brief, be a British Empire Exhibition, and will be held at two or three principal commercial centres in the Empire every year much on the lines of the present British Industries Fair. The goods exhibited will go from one show to another, so that the utmost publicity will be given with the minimum of expense and inconvenience to buyers and merchants generally. Shows will be held in South Africa, Australia, Canada, India and other places, and the goods shown will be those for which a big demand exists and for which a greater development is required in any particular market.

LIMERICK POST OFFICE RAIDED.

LONDON, January 2nd.
A masked man, leading an armed party of twenty raided the Limerick Post Office at midnight. The sorting office was ransacked. It is estimated that £4,000 in cash was taken, also postal orders and other property. The men intimidated the staff of twelve men who were warned not to follow the raiders or they would be shot. The raid was picketted the approaches. No arrests have so far been made. The military are now installed at the Post Office.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir Frank Lascelles, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.
[Sir Frank Lascelles was born on March 21st, 1851, and was the fifth son of the late Rt. Hon. W. Lascelles, M.P., and Caroline, the eldest daughter of the sixth Earl of Carlisle. He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1881. In 1879, he was appointed Agent and Consul-General in Bulgaria. He was transferred in 1886 to Roumania as Minister and to Persia in the same official capacity in 1891. He was appointed Ambassador to Russia in 1894. A year later, he went to Germany as Ambassador and remained there till 1908.]

ESTHONIAN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, January 2nd.
The Esthonian Armistice has been confirmed.

It marks a fresh impetus to Bolshevism, and there are already indications that Latvia may begin to negotiate with Soviet Russia. The Armistice is for seven days and is renewable weekly. It defines the frontiers and neutral zones, and provides for Bolshevik recognition of Esthonia's independence and the neutralisation of the Gulf of Finland. The Bolsheviks undertake not to have forces to the west of the river Velika, Pärnu and Sprechtisch.

Meanwhile, a Red communiqué claims that a break through the Don front is developing most rapidly. It has resulted in the capture of thousands of prisoners. It is thought that Denikin will not be able to save Rostoff and Novocherkassk, while the capture of Ekaterinodar is most important, enabling the Reds to consolidate on both banks of the Dnieper, which will ultimately open the road to the Crimea, Ekaterin and Odessa.

LATEL.
The Associated Press correspondent at Dorpat states that the Armistice abolishes Esthonia from the obligations arising from its former connection with the Russian State. Moreover, the Esthonians are not required to expel General Yudenich's troops until after the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

IRKUTSK IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

LONDON, January 2nd.
Reuter has ascertained that, as a result of revolutionary movements, Irkutsk, the present administrative centre of the Koltchak Government, has been declared to be in a state of siege. All measures have been taken for the safety of the town. The Japanese are trying to prevent armed conflict, and are determined to stop the revolutionaries from crossing the Angara river which runs north-west from Irkutsk into the Yenisei river.

STUBBORN MAHMOUD RESISTANCE.

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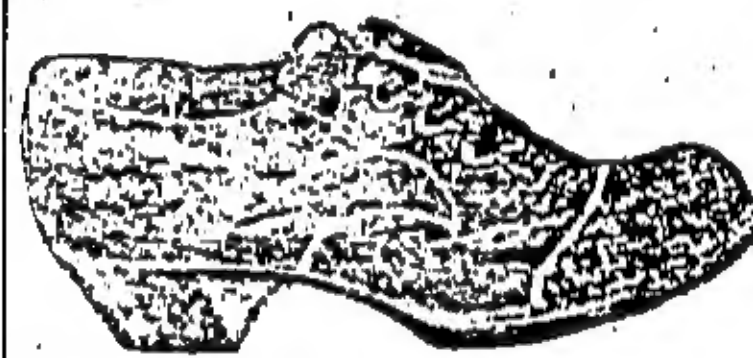
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"Criminal trials in Japan are public, but not blatantly so," says R. O. Matheson in an article on the procedure in Japanese courts, written from Tokyo for the New York Herald. Several formalities must be complied with according to Mr. Matheson, before one can even enter the grounds surrounding the court buildings, to say nothing of entering the sacred precincts of the courtroom itself. Only persons who can show that they have a good reason for wishing to gain entrance are admitted. When he enters the room where the Japanese court is in session the visitor is required to remove his hat and overcoat, if he wears one, to walk quietly and to confine all his remarks to the faintest of whispers. All the surroundings tend to impress him with the majesty of the law. It appears further that not only are visitors admitted to court with reluctance in Japan, but there seems to be a disposition to keep out lawsuits as well. Thus a number of cases which in America would furnish an excuse for protracted grinding of the judicial mill, in Japan are settled by the policemen on their beats or at the police station.

Once he has been sent to head-quarters, a prisoner's troubles commence. As a preliminary to all else he is photographed and finger-printed, a decided reversal of the American principle, which bars a man from the "Rogues' Gallery" until he has been convicted of a felony. A suggestion that a prisoner be "muzzed" in America before conviction would set every syllable of the Constitution quivering, but in Japan "it is an order," and as such goes. To question a police order is neither according to etiquette nor the dictates of prudence, and the records contain no instances of anyone ever doing so. From the photograph-room and the inky pad the prisoner passes on for his "examination," a legalised third degree, held in an underground room, where, without benefit of counsel, he is sweated, perhaps for several days in succession, although the law prohibits the holding of a man without a definite charge for more than twenty-four hours.

A similar law is evaded in America by rearresting the prisoner at the end of each day, but the process is simpler in Japan. Here they keep the fact of a suspect's arrest a secret, and there is no booking to help inquiring friends, if any are foolish enough to run their own necks in a noose by making inquiries. The examinations are legal, however, and are always held in camera, following which the prisoner is either released or committed for trial. There is nothing else corresponding in any way to the American grand-jury system.

The Japanese Bench usually consists of four judges, one of whom conducts the questioning of the prisoner. With the judges sits also the Public Prosecutor, and a few feet away, facing the bench, is the desk of the lawyer for the defence. Judges and lawyers are all gowned in stiff, black costumes and all wear caps of black crepe.

Everything is solemn, everything is decorous and, without a jury to impress, there are none of those flights of oratory with which the American lawyers call upon Heaven to witness either the scandalous nature of the prisoner's crime or the halo of innocence so plain to the attorney for the defence. The prisoners sit in a prisoners' box until their case is called, when they stand one by one before the judges, and are polished off in rapid succession. Witnesses are not sworn, nor are there any bewildering laws of evidence that furnish legal arguments, grounds for appeal and keep anyone, from telling all that he knows and suspects. The criminal code is that of Napoleon, and the procedure is practically that of the French courts.

The handling of the prisoners is pure Japanese, however. Delivered at the court-house for trial, the prisoners are marched from the police wagon in single file hand-cuffed, and tied together by a stout rope that circles each man's waist, and is twisted through his belt.

Their jail kimonos are of a dull drab, and on their sockless feet are grass sandals, in which they flop through the corridors. The most unusual feature of all to a stranger is the fact that each prisoner has his head covered by a wicker mask, more like an inverted waste-paper basket than anything else, the object of which is to prevent recognition of the prisoner, to permit him to hide his shame under the disguise, and, very possibly, to prevent the whole file from making a bolt for liberty. The sight of a prisoner so arrayed is ghastly, the mask bringing up the suggestion of the hangman's cap. Once in the prisoners' box, however, the masks are removed, while the prisoners sit with deeply bowed heads in an attitude of the utmost humility.

Japanese courts have the name of being fair, and the Bench is honest. A recent charge of spite made against one of the procurators in Kobe was so much of a rarity that it attracted attention all over the Empire and was investigated immediately with a thoroughness that left no ground for suspicion of sympathy on the part of the Bench generally.

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Following the discussion on spiritualism at the Church Congress recently, a representative of *The Daily Telegraph* had some conversation with Sir Arthur.

"I have arranged to go over the Church Congress discussion on spiritualism at a big meeting to be held at Leicester" Sir Arthur said, "but for the time being I am so pressed by lecturing, &c., that I am obliged to postpone the detailed consideration of the points raised and arguments used. I may say that I am not very impressed by the strength of the advocacy of spiritualism at the congress. The Dean of Manchester spoke up bravely, but there was nobody there to state the claims of spiritualism with the force and lucidity of an Archdeacon Colley or an Archdeacon Wilberforce. In fact, there is a striking contrast between the weakness of the representation of the cult at the congress and the actual numerical strength of its adherents among the rank and file of clergymen. One or two of the strongest mediums in England are clergymen, and not a week passes but I receive letters from clergymen seeking advice on points about which advice can be usefully given. These are men who combine their pastoral duties with the practice of spiritualism. There are many others who are keenly alive to the problem, and whose minds are open to the reception of proofs. Among the better-known clergymen-spiritualists I might instance the Rev. Vale Owen, Vicar of Oxford, Warrington, who is about to publish a little book giving a description, communicated by his mother, who is dead, of life in the next world—a book which I have read in proof, and which, on internal evidence alone, apart from the reputation of its author, I consider to be above any imputation of fraud or invention."

MR. SHAW.

Interviewed with reference to a reported invitation to go to Australia, extended to him by the Socialist party there, Mr. Bernard Shaw said he had no intention of going. He had merely received a cablegram asking him to lecture, and the report in the newspapers was the first he heard about going on his own terms.

Mr. Shaw spoke at the Hampstead Conservatoire on "Modern religion." At the close he was asked if he thought Bolshevism was a religion. "So far as I can make out," he replied, "it is the nearest thing to religion at all in Europe at the present time." (Laughter.)

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NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Partnership heretofore existing
between PHILIP WALLACE GOLD-
RING and CECIL HENRY LYSON,
Solicitors, under the names of Goldring
and Lyson, has been dissolved as from
1st January, 1920.

Debts owing to and Claims against
the firm must be paid or submitted to
Mr. C. H. Lyson, at the Office of
Messrs. Lo and Lo, Alexander Buildings,
Hongkong, on or before 15th instant.

CHINESE POSTAL NOTIFICATION.

TENDERS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR
LAUNCH.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the
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F. A. NIXON,
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Chinese Post Office, Canton.

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NOTICE.

MR. MOWBRAY STAFFORD
NORTHCOOTE has this day been
appointed Secretary to the Company.
By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN JOHNSTONE,
Chairman.
Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

INTIMATIONS

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that
a Second EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above
named Company (notice of which was
duly given on the 10th inst.) will be
held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb,
Livingston and Company, St. George's
Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock Noon,
on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January,
1920, for the purpose of considering if
thought fit, a special Resolution, the
following Resolution which was duly
passed as an Extraordinary Resolution
on the 29th inst., viz:—

"That the Company be wound up
voluntarily and that Ernest Al-
fred Mountford Williams of the
Firm of Lowe, Bingham &
Matthews of Chartered Bank
Buildings, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria aforesaid be appointed
Liquidator for the purpose of
such winding up, at such remun-
eration as may be arranged
between the said Harris and
Crosfield Limited and the Li-
quidator."

Dated this 29th day of December,
1919.

By Order of the Board,
(Sd.) GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1919.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY-SECOND ORDIN-
ARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
in this Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Company, Limited, on WEDNES-
DAY, 14th January, 1920, at 11
o'clock a.m., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 1st January to WED-
NESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both
days inclusive), during which period
no Transfer of Shares can be Regis-
tered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency
Company, Limited.

General Agents for the
West Point Building Company,
Limited.
Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE above Bank has this day been
REMOVED to Alexandra Build-
ings, Chater Road, the premises re-
cently vacated by the Pacific Mail
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Chairman: His Honour Sir WILLIAM
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FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
January 9 and 10, 1920.

NOVICES' COMPETITION &
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FRIDAY, January 9,

at 7 p.m., until about 11 p.m.
Preliminary Bout in Novices' Com-
petitions. Forty Competitions.
Forty Competitions. Middleweight,
Welterweight and Featherweight.
Doors open at 6.30 p.m. NO PRE-
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admission. Prices: \$2, \$1 and 50
cents. No half-price seats.

SATURDAY, January 10,

at 9.15 p.m. sharp.

Semi-Finals and Finals in Novices'
Competitions.

Also a Six-round Welterweight Con-
test and a Ten-round Featherweight
Contest.

Also a FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST
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CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE
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Between Sergeant "Sky" Morrison,
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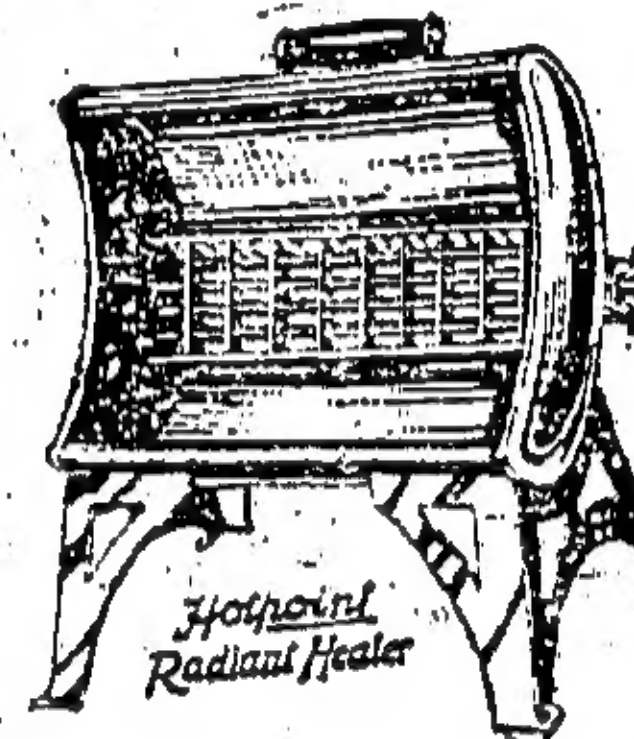
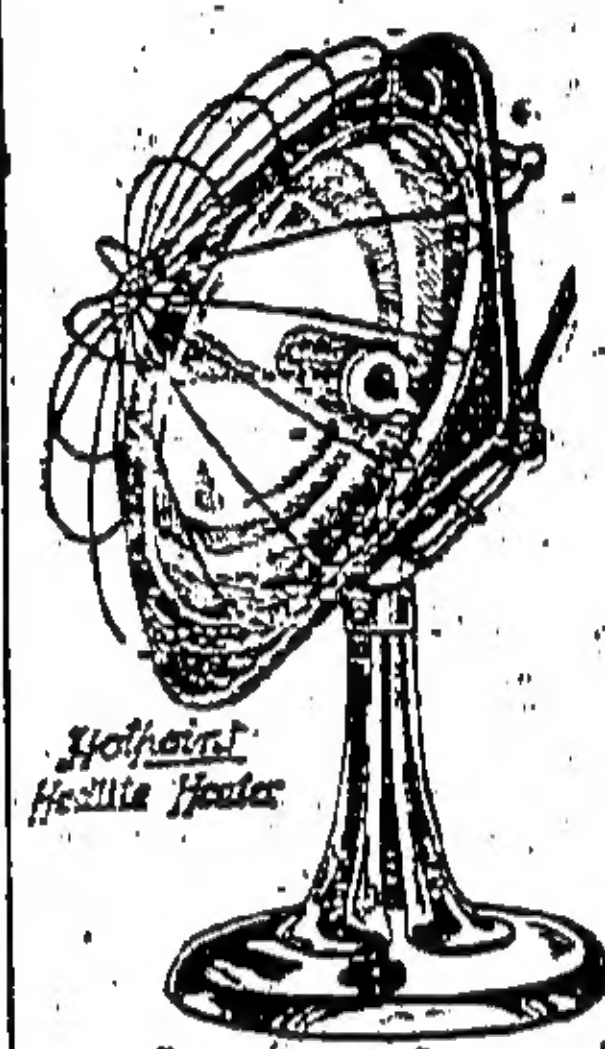
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth ca. 4d.

Mr. M. Reader Harris is paying a visit to the Colony.

The Chinese Post Office, Canton, is calling for tenders for a motor-launch for postal use.

The Racecourse at Happy Valley yesterday morning was white with frost. The glass stood at 42.

Licences for private richies and chairs and for drivers and bearers of these are now due for renewal.

The Tuchen, Mok Wing-sen, entertained his advisers, secretaries and staff at Canton yesterday, in celebration of the New Year.

For theft of a pair of trousers from the verandah of a house in Wanchai, a Chinese was this morning awarded one month's imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. Wood.

A message from Suva, Fiji, dated November 29 says: In response to the Government's invitation, a number of returned soldiers have offered themselves for active service on an expedition, the nature of which has not been disclosed.

In regard to the election of the new headmaster of the Government Law School at Canton, it is stated that the students have gone on strike. The Civil Governor proposes to expel all students who remain away from school. He has, however, requested the Governor to deal with the ringleaders only.

Dr. Robert Woods, an American who is visiting Canton in the interest of the Russell Sage Foundation, was entertained by the Directors of the Municipal Council on Monday. Dr. Woods is an expert in social service and municipal work. He has given his advice on the schemes of road improvement and other municipal matters to the authorities.

The girl students of the Government Normal School at Canton also came out on strike on Monday, as they are against the appointment of a new Principal. The girl students demand the reinstatement of the former Principal, on the ground that they consider the new Principal, who has been appointed by the Civil Governor, incompetent, from a moral point of view.

It is reported that, after the Peking Government has obtained a loan for the purpose of developing aviation, it will employ six British aviators as instructors to Chinese students. The British aviators are already on their way to Peking. It is stated that sixty big machines and about 100 small ones will be delivered shortly to the Peking Government.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, a Chinese constable, stationed at Yau-mat, was charged with stealing an overcoat belonging to an Indian constable. Complainant was on duty and on his return to his quarters found his overcoat missing. He informed the Inspector and a detective was sent out to investigate. He met defendant, who was attempting to sell the overcoat to a marine-hawker. The Police buttons on the coat had been removed. Mr. Smith sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with the theft of some medicine from the medicine shop in Bosham Strand which was recently destroyed by fire. Sergeant Moore informed his Worship that the medicine formed part of the stock which was not destroyed by fire, and had been put up for sale by public auction by Mr. Lammet. Whilst the goods were being sorted out yesterday prior to being put up for bidding, the defendant removed some of them. Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

When charged before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning with the unlawful possession of parts of a revolver, a Chinese who said he had recently returned from Vancouver, pleaded that the things were given him by a friend to take to some relatives in the country. He did not know that it was unlawful to possess firearms in Hongkong, and consequently did not take out a permit. The Police said the defendant had been in Hongkong for over a month now, and must have had sufficient time to be acquainted with local regulations. A fine of \$50 was imposed and the revolver was confiscated.

Another Chinese who was charged with the theft in Yau-mat, of two pairs of trousers and a coat, said that one of the trousers he picked up in the street, whilst the suit was his. He bought it from a second hand shop in Yau-mat. He produced a witness to support his statement. Tested by the Police to ascertain how far his knowledge of the suit in question extended, he was asked what kind of buttons were attached to the coat, and replied without any hesitation that they were silver buttons. His Worship at this juncture remanded the case until tomorrow to enable the defendant to produce more witnesses to prove that the suit was his.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI MURDER SENSATION.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, January 7. It is reported that the municipal police are working on a clue in connection with the murder last August of Mr. Wels, the Canadian Pacific agent. His body was found in the Yangtsepo district. An arrest may follow at any moment.

SHANGHAI POLITICS.

CHINESE AGITATION FOR REPRESENTATION.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, January 7. The agitation is reviving for Chinese representation on the municipal council. Deputations have called at the British consulate and on the Chinese special envoy. The council is willing to allow two Chinese in an advisory capacity to consult on Chinese affairs but the agitators wish to revise the land regulations. The attitude of the shopkeepers is that there should be no taxation without representation. The council is adopting a firm attitude of opposition.

CHINO-AMERICAN AMENITIES.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, January 7. Admiral Gleaves, commanding the American Asiatic Fleet, arrived at Shanghai on Tuesday, and was banquetted in the evening by a Chinese special envoy.

HARD LUCK

MISSIONARY DOCTOR SHOT BY CRAZY PATIENT.

Dr. Logan, a missionary doctor, was fatally shot by a crazy patient in Hunan, where he had been for 21 years and "always enjoyed absolute quiet." He was actually boasting of this, for a purpose, when he was shot. The man had persecution mania, and Dr. Logan was trying to persuade him that the people round about were friendly and kind. Even when there were anti-missionary riots on, there were none there. Endeavouring also to persuade the man to take more exercise, he stood up to show him how "light kind of physical training could be practised. His posture seems to have alarmed the lunatic who produced a revolver and shot him dead. General Feng Yu-hsiang, a relative, who tells the story, snatched at the weapon and got shot in the shoulder. The man had been an old Shensi campaigner and was depressed by poverty. Dr. Logan leaves a widow.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

To-day's change of programme will produce a magnificent film "The Iron Strain" in six parts, featuring Dustin Farnum with Ed Mackey and Louise Glaum in the leading parts and will run on till Friday night with new comedies and comics. On Saturday next a Triangle comedy-drama "Borrowed Plunage" in five parts will be screened, featuring Bessie Barriscale, one of the most celebrated screen actresses of the present day. This is a patriotic comedy of the time when that bold Scot-American, John Paul Jones, commonly known as Paul Jones, was skirting the coast of Ireland and striking terror into the hearts of people wherever his ships appeared because of the report sent broadcast that he was a desperate pirate. The story is well constructed by J. C. Hawks and admirably handled by Raymond B. West. It is replete with romantic adventure, and affords charming Bessie Barriscale opportunity to appear in varied guise, much to her delight. It is in fact a delightful play of mistaken identity with a picturesque background of the Elizabethan period. It is a story of adventures told in a manner such as only Triangle can tell. Theatre-goers should not miss this opportunity of witnessing such well selected film which will be continued till Tuesday next at night.

CRICKET.

C.R.C.V. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent C.R.C. on Saturday at 2 p.m. on home ground. Ng Ze Kwong (Capt), Yew Man Tsun, J. Wong, Ho Wing Kin, H. Ching, Un-Hew Fan, Geo. Lee, Shin Man Ping, Chos Man Ping, Wei Lee Son, and Lo Man Pun.

C.S.C. v. 2ND XI v. UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.

The G.S.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI: To be played on University ground on Saturday next commencing 2.15 p.m. C.S.C. Team—W. Hill (Capt), R. T. Taylor, E. T. Crocker, D. Lyon, G. B. Knight, F. Bacon, H. W. Sandford, H. E. Strange, G. H. Hasket, G. Hamer and W. Burden.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A TENNIS PROPOSAL.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—New (all the Tennis Season is approaching we are wondering whether enthusiasm will run as high as it has done during the past few years.

Through the generosity of the donor of the open tennis Championship Cup, we have been able to encourage all members of the Colony to come forward and show their prowess at the game, and we have been able to witness some good games which have proved of interest and have also helped to contribute towards War Funds &c.

Since the men of the Colony have been able to show their capabilities as tennis players, would it not be possible to get up an event where ladies of the Colony could compete? We would like to see such a competition and feel certain that many ladies would like to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Would it be possible to have an open mixed Doubles competition among the number of events for the Coming Tennis Season?

Yours truly,

A. PLAYER.

SAME NAME, DIFFERENT MEAN.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—Referring to your report on the Recreation South China match last Saturday in your Monday's issue. Please note that the V. Xavier who partnered Hyndman in previous matches retained his position at back with Conceicao, and that the V. Xavier who played at right half was another one, who was substituted in the absence of a regular player.

Thanking you in advance for inserting this in your next issue.

Yours truly,

FOOTBALLER.

Hongkong, Jan. 6, 1919.

YOU LEFT IT AT THE BALL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir—I shall be obliged if you will kindly mention in your next issue that the following articles were found at the City Hall last night. The owners can have same returned on application to me.

Two Brooches.
Gent's Cigarette Case, Damascus.
Lady's Blue Silk Embroidered Shawl.
The Shawl is in possession of the Police but the other articles are with me.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

JOHN BENTLEY.

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 7, 1920.

ALREADY PUNISHED.

The coal collier who was yesterday remanded on a charge of being concerned with others in a riot at Nos. 26 and 30 Cross Street, Wanchai, was again before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

A foki of shop No. 30, whom the defendant identified as the man who assaulted him with a wooden bar, causing a wound in his head, was put in the witness box and in reply to his Worship said that on the 5th inst. he went out with the truck to take delivery of some rice and was not present when the shop was raided. It was not he who assaulted the defendant.

His Worship said he believed that the defendant was speaking the truth when he said that he was assaulted by one of the shop foki, and in view of that he would not convict him, but he would bind him over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months.

ASSAULT CASE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with assaulting another Chinese yesterday. It was said he used a bamboo pole so hard that the man had to go to hospital.

The Police, in applying for a remand, said that the complainant is at present in hospital and it was thought that he would not be able to attend Court until next Wednesday at least.

His Worship remanded the case until next Wednesday fixing bail in the sum of \$25.

No communicable disease to-day.

The Hongkong Civil Service List for 1920 has just come to hand.

Canton is poorer by 200 shops as the result of a big fire which raged for four hours on Monday near the West Bund. Many of them were firecracker shops, so it was a quick and lively fire. Damage is put at \$700,000 to \$800,000.

"TWELFTH NIGHT."

LAST NIGHT'S BALL A GREAT SUCCESS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

The scene at St. George's Ball at the City Hall last night was one of great animation. The rooms were thronged with ladies most graciously dressed, gentlemen in their sombre black and service men in their uniform. A description of the decorations has already appeared in this paper and all that need be said in respect of them is that at night they surpassed anything that could be expected. The two dancing floors were always crowded, sometimes to a degree which approached the uncomfortable, but the dancers, passing off all their bumps with a smile, seemed happy. The dance programme was as follows:

Extra Waltz "Destiny."
Lancers "Marching."
One Step "Cairo."
Fox Trot "Hawaiian Butterfly."
Waltz "Smiles, then Kisses."
Barn Dance "Chickie Biddy."
One Step "Hongkong."
Fox Trot "5.35 to Brighton."
Waltz "Missouri."
The Roast Beef of Old England "Meow."
One Step "Tinkle Toe."
Fox Trot "Oh! Helen."
Fox Trot "Hindustan."
Waltz "Beautiful Ohio."
Lancers "Finches and Lincks."
One Step "Oui, Oui, Marie."
Sir Roger de Coverley and Galop "Malayan."
Waltz "A Thousand Kisses."
One Step "Ragging thro' the Rye."
Fox Trot "Poor Butterfly."

THE SUPPER.

After the eighth dance the official party left the ball room in procession for supper the band playing "Roast beef of old England." The Theatre Royal was utilised as a supper room, the tables being tastefully decorated with silver vases containing some splendid roses. It was the work of Mr. R. A. Nicholson of Cosmopolitan Docks who had the assistance of Mrs. J. J. Harrington. After the guests were seated Captain Wheeler, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., carried round the bar's head amidst great applause. At the conclusion of supper the Hon. Mr. Pollock proposed the toast of the British Empire. He expressed the gratification he felt at presiding at this function and conveyed his warmest thanks to the members of the various sub-committees, to whose labours the success of the ball was due. He then referred to two sets of figures as showing the important part England had played in the recent great war. Of all the Empire's casualties on the land fronts no less than 82 per cent. had been borne by the men of England, while of the Royal Navy which numbered 450,000 officers and men, 90 per cent. were Englishmen. Those figures sufficed to show that the heart of the British Empire was sound and that the spirit of the England of Elizabeth, the spirit of high enterprise and great endeavour, was still a living force. Since those far off days of Elizabeth, England had expanded into the British Empire which, though scattered over every continent and every sea, had been knit into one firm and indivisible whole. The bonds of the Empire had been welded in the fierce fires of suffering and sacrifice, and, please God, these bonds should never be broken. They could never forget the magnificent part which had been borne by their women in the great struggle. It would be impossible within the short limits of a speech to enumerate the splendid and self-sacrificing labours of the women of the Empire. He asked them to join in drinking to the British Empire "and may it rest upon the foundations of fair play and freedom for all." (Applause.)

The supper menu was as follows:

Consommé en tasse

Thick Turtle

Roast Turkey

Roast Pheasant

Saddle of Mutton

Roast Beef

Spiced Beef

BOAN'S HEAD.

York Ham

Corned Ox Tongue

Galantine of Veal

Chicken Salad

Assorted Fresh Salads

Trifle

Compôte of Fruit

Blanc Manger

Strawberry Ice

Assorted Pastry

Coffee

MARY PICKFORD WINS BIG SUIT.

Mrs. Gladys Moore, more familiarly known as Mary Pickford, won the \$108,000 suit instituted against her by Cora C. Wilkening, who claimed 10 per cent. commission upon a year's earnings of the little film star.

The jury, which listened for three days to testimony in the action, returned a verdict in the defendant's favour.

The case was the second trial of Mrs. Wilkening's suit against Mary Pickford. Mrs. Wilkening alleged that she had entered into a contract under which, by securing profitable work for the screen actress with the Famous Players Corporation, she was entitled to share the earnings. The first trial jury gave Mrs. Wilkening a verdict for \$108,000, but upon appeal the verdict was set aside and the case ordered retried.

OUR LOCAL PORTS.

A FAMILY TALK.

The Monkey on the Branch of a Tree.

Looked down at the form of a Man; And he said to himself—"I'm glad I'm free."

To do what I will when I like."

"I wonder if that good Creature down there would like to change places with me?"

On the earth, on my two hind legs, And he on the Branch of a Tree."

"I wonder if he would very much like To possess a wonderful tail And very long fingers and very long toes, And hair for a coat of mail."

The Monkey laughed, the Man, he heard, Looked up and smiled, then said: "Don't worry yourself, dear Monkey, please. Life's short—we shall soon be dead."

"I wouldn't like to change places with you."

For it's not long ago, you see, When I had a tail, long toes, and hair, And sat on the Branch of a Tree."

"What I shall be in the Great Beyond I haven't the slightest clue: But what I was in the Great Gone-by Was something very like you."

—WILLIAM HILL.

Hongkong, Jan. 6, 1920.

OH, ROSES SWEET!

Perchance, oh roses sweet, you feel The breezes shake your bowers and leaves.

They are my dreams that do reveal To you the anguish of a heart that grieves.

Oh, Roses Sweet! At times, oh roses sweet, you hear The morning breeze will whisper you Of love from a heart so sincere:

And the still evening drops its dew On your flower, oh roses sweet, Listen and feel! It is my love, That never fades e'en in my grave.

Oh, Roses Sweet!

—ESANIP.

Hongkong, January 6.

DO SOLDIERS WANT TO FORGET?

There are, it seems, women in the world whose object is to cry aloud to the heavens that they know the mind of the soldier, his hopes and fears. Scene: Hongkong. Enters a returned soldier, driven to seek Lloyd George's "New Earth" in this curious and forbidding spot. To him comes a Lady. "Oh, my poor man," she begins, "you must want to meet others who have had the same experience as yourself." He looks at her in a way that would make a hip-popotamus fade into the landscape, but she proceeds, undaunted, "We have started a club for you," she says, "where you can come to drink tea every afternoon. There are lectures by military officers on subjects interesting to you, entertainments, where local ladies sing, and—"

He speaks, and in his eye is the spirit that met the gray-clad hordes and beat them back. "Has it ever entered your head," he asks, "that I am a little tired of being reminded that I fought your battles for you on a shilling a day? I reserve to myself the right to remember or forget, as I choose, and do not desire the impertinence of a Soldiers' Club or lectures or entertainments instead of the decent wage I have earned and you or those like you have enjoyed in my absence." But she has gone to talk to her fellow-workers of the terrible Bolshevik she has just met. Really he is quite a normal, average specimen.

A hundred dollars for a flat does not increase the soldier's love for those he left behind him. To see the best jobs filled by indispensable of magnificent physique does not please him. To be expected to value the discipline of a fat tai-pan as a memory of the fields of France rouses him to blasphemy. So he forms not a club, but a trades union, by the aid of which he makes the profiteer disgorge his profits in the shape of a living wage, backs up the working man who, like himself, is thanked publicly for winning the war at about the same time that his wages are reduced, tries to obtain for his disabled pals pensions on which they can live, and goes through life in the eyes of the nation he fought for as a discontented man.

Help him to forget. Give him decent wages, decent houses, give him even your thanks in all humility. But do not help him to remember, or he may remember too much. He may see in a flash how he dealt with the German, and how he may yet deal with you!

—SOLON.

"WALLA WALLA" boats are new and fast. Get them at Elsie Pter.

PORGIWE lighted by yesterday's TRESPASSES, story of the Kowloon clergyman pleading with a magistrate to let a thief off with a caution. We are always delighted to meet sincerity—it is so rare. Any genuine attempt to practise the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount impresses us. Then we read it again, considering, we are afraid we must qualify our admiration, and even protest at the unfair position into which this half-hearted attempt to introduce the principles of Matthew VI thrust His Worship the magistrate. Once having invoked the aid of the law, it is not fair to the law to suggest that it is unchristian in following its own rules. The for-giver of trespasses must do his for-giving before sending for the policeman. The Kowloon clergyman remembered this too late. Better luck next time.

TO-DAY'S churches are having a week of prayer, with daily services. From a printed sheet before us we note that to-day they are praying for the League of Nations and world brother-hood, for self restraint and submission to lawful authority, for peace, that the nations which have been at war may be prepared in spirit and in aim to dwell together in unity and

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BOXING.

A NEW BOOK.

The boxing boom Hongkong is at present enjoying and the formation of a boxing association to control the contests staged here has brought into being a useful little volume on the rules of boxing written by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, a well-known barrister of the Colony, who during his connection with the Police Reserves was prominently connected with the contests organised by that body. Now as a member of the Committee of the Hongkong Boxing Association he has turned his attention to the rules governing the game and in his book he compares and more or less coordinates the three well-known sets of rules. He dedicates his work to "John Charles Wilda, manager, Hongkong Boxing Association, in remembrance of many successful Police Reserve Meetings and in token of his ability to unfurling guarantee a 'straight fight'." Following an introduction in which the wide powers of the referee are emphasised, the author proceeds to deal with the rules of boxing, pointing out many differences in reading which are of importance to competitors. For instance in regard to the knock-out blow, which is always looked upon as a winning punch, the compiler notes that "none of the rules contain any provision that the knock-out blow shall be conclusive in favour of the man delivering it." There is no reference of a positive nature as to the value to be given to it. Its conclusiveness is, however, clearly negated by the N.S.C. rules which require that the person delivering it shall also lead on points. "The total of points is the one decisive factor. The Rule is imperative. The referee shall decide all contests in favour of the contestant who obtains the greatest number of marks." The strict reading of this rule seems to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance and it is not likely that we shall see a knocked out competitor awarded the fight on points. The same rules, however, further state that "A contestant failing to continue the contest at the expiration of ten seconds shall not be awarded any marks for that round and the contest shall terminate." There are many similar instances of interesting comparisons between the rules and a competitor can hardly fail to benefit by giving it close study, while the sporting public from its perusal may gain a better knowledge of the game and perhaps some sympathy with the referee in his arduous position. The book will abbreviate many an argument in future.

"SKY" KERRISON'S CHALLENGER.
Seaman Parsons, of H.M.S. "Ambrose," whose challenge to "Sky" Kerrison, the Welterweight Champion of the Colony, has been accepted for Saturday night next is in training at the V.R.C. and is stated by the Boxing Association's Manager to be in splendid form. Less than eighteen months ago Parsons fought Eddie Beattie, Welterweight Champion of Scotland, at the Glasgow National Sporting Club. It is expected that the local Champion will have to pull all he knows into his fighting on Saturday. In height and reach there is little, if any, difference between the men. Their weights are the same.

PRIZES IN THE NOVICES COMPETITION.
A very fine collection of silver cups is on exhibition in the windows of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, these having been selected for the Winner, Runner-up and Best Loser in each class in the Novices Competition to be held on Friday and Saturday.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tat Press.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6.
The Cabinet offered sacrifice to the late President Fung Kwok Cheung to-day. The funeral service will take place on the 22nd February.

The Premier intends to resign the portfolio of the Ministry of War so as to concentrate his whole attention on Cabinet affairs.

General Luk Kam reports that there are arriving several thousand of Bolsheviks at Urga. A military detachment is sent out to suppress them.

The 5th Division of the Northern Forces, formerly under the command of the ex-President (deceased), are reported to be in a state of mutiny owing to the rumour that the death of their commander may lead to their disbandment. Every precaution is being taken.

Over a hundred of the old members of Parliament had a conference at Peking yesterday. This is considered to mean a movement towards peace between North and South.

In reply to the Military Government's enquiry, the Cabinet wires to Mr. Chun Chun Hsun stating that the aeroplane loan has been suspended.

The Cabinet also wires to request the Military Government to cancel the agreement made between the Canton Government with the foreign merchants for running an electric tramway at Canton for twenty years on the rent of £1,000,000.

A joint telegram has been sent by the Northern Military Government to

A LADY-IN-WAITING.

Sh! Tell it not in Gath—but, All my life long, I have been a Lady-in-waiting!
Ever since I can remember, I have been waiting for a MAN—
Waiting for him to grow up.
Waiting for him to notice me.
Waiting for him to ask me to dance.
Waiting for him to call, evenings.
Waiting for him to go home!
Waiting for him to fall in love.
Waiting for him to discover that he had fallen in love.
Waiting for him to ADMIT it!
Waiting for him to get the courage to kiss me.
Waiting for him to propose!
Waiting for him to make enough money to marry on.
Waiting at the church.
Waiting for him to wake up, morning.
Waiting breakfast for him.
Waiting for him to find his shoes—and his socks—and his collar button.
Waiting for him to finish with the newspaper.
Waiting for him to come home to dinner.
Waiting for him to finish telling his favourite story.
Waiting for him to come back from the golf links.
Waiting for him to LOOK at me when I have on a new hat.
Waiting for a compliment.
Waiting for him to "understand" me.
Waiting for him to discover "what a wonderful woman I am!"
Waiting for him to SAY so!
And, I am still waiting—
For him to GROW UP!
But, I know in the bottom of my heart, somehow.
That he never, never WILL!
And, perhaps,
When your husband—or some other woman's husband—reads this, He will good-naturedly admit that, after all, the "patient" martyr roles are about evenly divided.
And, that all the agonizing moments he has spent in waiting for you to powder your nose, or curl your hair, or to decide which hat to wear, or to say "good by"—and all that.
Have been nobly and fully offset by the dumb, eternal patience of the woman who waits for a man she loves.
And that every WIFE,
Is a Lady-in-waiting!—Helen Rowland in *Washington Post*.

AN APPEALED CASE.

A Chinese who was recently convicted on a charge of snatching some rice from two Chinese women on the Douglas Wharf, appeared before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning and made, through his solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada, an appeal against the sentence. Mr. d'Almada raised the following points in favour of his client's claim:
(1) that he possessed a very good certificate from the Inland Water Transport Company of Calcutta as to character; (2) that he had a fortune of 1,000 rupees when he left Calcutta; (3) that he had no need to steal as he could live very comfortably on his fortune; (4) that he was unemployed because he was taking a rest to recover his shattered health; and (5) that he would like to draw his Worship's attention to the arresting fact that if he had felt so inclined, he could have jumped his \$50 bail after he had been allowed out on filing his notice of appeal.
His Worship weighed these points with the evidence against him and found them wanting, and decided that he would have to abide by his previous decision. The defendant therefore has to serve his sentence of one month.

SERVED 40,000 SUMMONSES.

During the fifteen and a half years he has acted as warrant officer at the Marylebone Police-court, Thomas Williams has served over 40,000 summonses, executed thousands of committal warrants, travelled practically all over the country, covered every part of London and the suburbs, carried out the ejection of hundreds of people from their homes for non-payment of rent, and assisted in the administration of the poor box of the court. On one occasion he travelled over 840 miles to secure the attendance at the court of a labourer for the recovery of a debt of £2 4s to his wife, the railway fares amounting to £4 17s 9d. Williams has just resigned from the Force, on pension, to take up a position at the Marylebone County Court.

those of the South urging peace. The telegram is a long and strong one. It is reported General Ni Chi Chung, of Anhui, is dead, and that General Tiao Chi Jui, has sent an urgent telegram to recall General Chu Shu Tsang from Urga with the intention of appointing him as Tschun of Anhui.

UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

When a Chinese was this morning charged with the possession of unwholesome food—to wit, some pork, he told Mr. Wood that the pork was given him by two men whom he did not know. He was to carry it for them. It was not his.
Sergeant Ellis of the Yaumatei Station said he was on patrol duty in Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, at about 12.30 p.m., yesterday, when a man came up to him and pointing to the defendant, told him that he had stolen a pig. Witness went up to the defendant who was standing near house No. 233 with a basket in his hand. He looked into the basket and saw the carcass of a pig. He took the defendant to the station with the intention of charging him with unlawful possession, but Inspector Gerrard sent the carcass to Dr. Gibson to be examined and it was reported that the carcass was that of a pig which had died of some disease.
Dr. Gibson giving evidence, said that he examined the carcass early yesterday afternoon when it was brought to him by a Chinese constable in plain clothes, and he found that the dressed carcass was that of a pig which had died of some disease or other. The pork was not stale, but it was not fit for human consumption. The carcass was badly dressed. He sent the carcass to the sanatorium to be destroyed.
His Worship (Inspector Gerrard). Did you see Dr. Gibson examine the pork?—No, your Worship, I was in Court at the time. Unfortunately, it cannot be produced now, as Dr. Gibson has had it burnt. I did not know Dr. Gibson would have destroyed it.
His Worship remanded the case until to-morrow so that the inspector can produce witness to prove that the carcass examined by Dr. Gibson was the same as the one found in the defendant's possession. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$25.

KEENAN HAS SPLENDID SUPPORT—WELL-NIGH ALL-STAR CAST.

Frank Keenan, who has been aptly described as "America's greatest character-actor," is now an independent producer of motion picture features, having decided that this was the only way in which he could give free rein to his artistic instincts.
For "The Master Man," first of the "Keenan Specials," to emanate from the Brunton studios at Los Angeles, Mr. Keenan has selected well-nigh an all-star combination. It includes such well-known names as those of Kathleen Kirkham as "Janice Ritter," Jack Brannan, Joseph McManus, Hardee Kirkland, Joseph J. Dowling, William V. Mong, Joseph Rae, J. Barney Sherry and many other screen favourites. To this roster must be added Ernest C. Warde, the talented director who has been so long associated with Mr. Keenan.
"The Master Man" will be presented at the Coronet theatre to-morrow, and we are promised a triumph of the art of character delineation with Frank Keenan playing the part of Emanuel Blake, attorney-general, political boss, and head of the party "machine" which holds fast the State within its corrupt grip until a woman's influence shows Blake the error of his ways.

SLY FANTAN.

Two Chinese living in a house in Kennedy Street, Wanchai, were this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with being the keepers of a common gaming house, and pleaded not guilty. After Sergt. Cockle had given evidence as to entering the house on a search warrant and to finding *fantan* implements on the first floor of the house, his Worship convicted the defendants and sentenced them to a fine of \$100 each, or, in default, 2 months' hard labour. \$540 found on the gambling table, a large quantity of cash, and \$1.66 and \$11.20 found on the defendants' persons respectively, were ordered to be confiscated.

Later on, a Chinese woman entered the Court and addressed the Usher in a high tone. She was immediately quieted and conducted to the well of the Court. When his Worship had dealt with the case in hand, he called the woman and asked what she wanted, and she replied that she wanted to know the amount of the fine imposed on the two men convicted on a charge of keeping a common gaming house. She was referred to the sheriff, and the Court proceeded with its work.

THE LATE MR. J. H. MEAD.

The body of the late Mr. J. H. Mead is expected to arrive in Hongkong on Saturday next and the funeral will take place on Monday, starting from Stone Pier at 5 p.m.

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CHINA COAST OFFICERS' AND ENGINEERS' GUILDS

One of the striking events of the recent shipping crisis at Hongkong was the manner in which the two factions of the Officers' and Engineers' Guilds worked together in handling the interests of their respective members during the strike. Everything connected with the work thereof was carried on by the two respective Guilds in complete harmony and co-operation, one with the other, and the individual unity of purpose which marked the carrying out of the strike until arbitration was agreed to by the shipping companies affected, brings to the fore a question that is undeniably of great import.

On the China coast we have, when compared to the world's shipping, but a very small fraction of the whole tonnage and, as on the Indian coast, the interests of the officers and engineers are absolutely identical. It, therefore, seems strange that two separate Guilds should be requisite to look after the separate interests of the officers and engineers concerned, and with the hearty spirit of co-operation which existed between the Officers' and Engineers' Guilds at Hongkong when the strike was proceeding, there is no reason why a closer working arrangement should not be arrived at between the two Guilds or even an amalgamation effected. Should such a thing ever come to pass, and it is not improbable in the near future, there is but little doubt to be entertained that the position of the two, at the present time, separate Guilds, would be greatly improved and strengthened in more ways than one.

This by no means is intended to convey that there is anything wrong with the present working arrangement of the two Guilds. The manner in which they co-operated during the strike at Hongkong clearly shows the evidence of a sound working policy. What is meant to convey is the fact that when it is considered the comparatively speaking, small number of European officers and engineers that man the shipping services of the coastal companies, it would appear that one representative body, comprised of an equal number of officers and engineers on the committee of the amalgamated Guilds, could work in the interests of the personnel that is represented, smoothly, more quickly and with a better understanding than would be the case when we have two separate Guilds, in spite of the fact that the interests of the respective parties are identical. There are, of course, many arguments which may be advanced objecting to such an arrangement; but the sound objective at the bottom of the question cannot for a moment be waived or overlooked.

In Great Britain it is well known that the greatest hindrance to the obtaining of better conditions for the marine officers and engineers has always been the number of representative societies in existence. Apparently the majority of these societies have generally been aiming towards the same point at having the interests of the profession which it represented at heart, but there has never been anything like an organized attempt to co-operate and work towards the common goal. Too much time and money has been generally spent in extensively advertising the various merits of each society and it would appear that a large number of organizations have been in existence, principally, to provide comfortable berths for the staff employed or some such ill-fated thing.

But, in China what Guilds there are, are known to have but the interests of a profession represented at heart, and therefore, as there are two distinct Guilds representing the officers and engineers on the coast, could a closer working arrangement be inaugurated or an amalgamation effected between the two, it can plainly be seen that the interests of the marine officers and engineers in the east vessels could be nothing other than better served—Shipping and Engineering.

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"The steamer 'Baymango' (6,000 tons), belonging to the Bay Steamship Company, of London, Commanded by R. Dowling, R.N.R., left Liverpool on July 31, 1919, bound for the Kara Sea, N. Siberia, to inaugurate a new trading venture in conjunction with the Hudson Bay Company and the Merchant Trading Company, of London. The 'Baymango' was the pioneer. She called at Tromsø to embark a passenger, and ice pilots, then proceeded to the Kara Straits early in August, which she found an impenetrable sea of ice. She then proceeded south in the Yugorski Strait, which was successfully negotiated after some mishaps and delay, and eventually reached her goal, the Gulf of Obi. The exchange of cargoes—no money in N. Siberia—all deals being effected by barter—having been successfully arranged by the staff sent out to do the trading part. The 'Baymango' left again for Tromsø on September 20, and after encountering bad weather in the North Sea, duly arrived in the Thames. The point of the matter is that Commander Dowling accomplished with a large ship what Hansen tried at with a small one. He had a fine crew of picked officers and men, to whom he gives unstinted praise. The task of getting out of the ice in the Kara Strait was superhuman, and at one time the situation was serious. The region round about is very indifferently surveyed and charted, and valuable information has thus been given to the world respecting it. So much do the companies concerned appreciate the work accomplished, that silver and bronze medals have been struck to commemorate the event, of which one has been presented to each member of the ship's company. On one side is an inscription, with a picture of the ship on the ice on the reverse."—*Journal of Commerce.*

POST-WAR UNIFORMS.

The military experts have been discussing what uniform our army shall wear in peace-time, but so far no definite opinion has been reached. This means that there are a few people still left who wish to go back to the highly decorative "regimentals" of the pre-war era. But if they imagine that there was anything of sentiment in the evolution of modern military uniforms they are wrong. The uniform first came in with the establishment of standing armies. Before this, when armed bodies were half mercenaries, half retainers, the former dressed according to pocket or inclination, and if any man among them got separated from the main body in a fight there was little to distinguish him from the mercenaries in the enemy ranks. One of the first steps towards a uniform dress was made in Gustavus Adolphus's Swedish army, and the idea made progress with the English armies of the Great Rebellion. Personal choice of colours, and more often mere convenience, decided what colours should be used. In Austria, for instance, colonels agreed on pearl grey, in order to obtain the dress material at wholesale prices. The French grey of the same period was there for no reason in belief, chosen for reasons of the utility and cheapness of the cloth.

SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

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STRAIGHT AT IT.

THREE of us of the "Hailang" arrived in the "Hailang" last night on a trip to try the "Hailang" and the next time you'll see a cough or cold. There is a reason as far as we can see why you should not do so. This is a preparation by its remarkable effect on the body of a well-wid' reputation, and it is a very good thing to have in the house for a cure of colds and coughs.

MUSICAL NOTES.

[By Counterpoint.]

Readers of this column of notes will remember that some few weeks ago I stated that my friend Podolsky had informed me that the Russian Opera Company intended to give a season in Hongkong. This news has now been confirmed and details of the opera to be produced have already appeared in the advertisement columns of the local Press.

It is now some five or six years since grand opera was produced in these parts and many will remember with pleasure the fine performances given by the Italian Opera Company, their repertoire including most of the works to be given by the Russian Company.

I have been told by people who have heard both Companies that the Russians are much better than the Italians and this is borne out by the press notices of the former in the Far Eastern papers. I attended every performance of the latter Company in Shanghai, and all agreed that it was the best ever heard in the East. If therefore the Russians are an improvement then indeed we are assured of a musical feast and it is up to music lovers in Hongkong to patronise the Company to the utmost so that we may, perchance, be treated to a repetition later on.

However, there is not much doubt that there will be full houses every night for the seats are being eagerly booked up and those who desire to hear the Russians should lose no time in securing tickets.

The Company are playing some of the best known works of favourite composers. Verdi being given pride of place, for no less than four of his works are included, viz. Aida, La Traviata, Il Trovatore and Rigoletto. Next comes Puccini with La Bohème, Madame Butterfly, and La Tosca. Massini with Cavalleria Rusticana; Leoncavallo with I Pagliacci; Ponchielli with La Gioconda; Bizet with Carmen and Gounod with Faust.

I learn also that Delibes' Lakmé will possibly be given as a matinee. It will be observed therefore, that, barring Wagner, the very cream of operatic gems have been selected.

As the opera is to be sung in Russian, a brief synopsis of each piece will perhaps be useful to intending opera goers.

RIGOLETTO.

The gay Duke of Mantua is assisted in his crime by his jester, Rigoletto, a hunchback. The father of one of the Duke's victims is mocked by Rigoletto and launches upon him a father's awful curse which stuns the jester as he too has a daughter, Gilda, unknown to the Court. On his way home Rigoletto meets a professional assassin, Sparafucile who offers, for a price, to kill any enemy he may have. Rigoletto says he may need him later. The Duke in the guise of a young student has already met Gilda not knowing who she is and the young girl has fallen in love with him. The Duke abducts her and takes her to the palace. The father goes to the palace but too late to save his daughter who pleads for the Duke's life but Rigoletto swears to kill him and arranges with the assassin Sparafucile to accomplish the deed. The Duke is lured to a lonely inn by the assassin's sister, Maddalena, and is about to be murdered when Maddalena, who takes a fancy to him, begs for his life to which Sparafucile will consent provided a substitute should happen along before midnight. Gilda, whom Rigoletto has brought higher disguised as a page in order that she might witness the fickleness of her lover, has been listening to the conversation, and resolves to save the Duke's life at the cost of her own. She enters the hut and is stabbed by Sparafucile, who delivers the body to Rigoletto according to agreement. Rigoletto is about to cast the body into the river when he hears the Duke's voice in the distance. The wretched man opens the sack, sees his daughter and falls senseless on the body.

LA TRAVIATA.

Violetta, a courtesan of Paris, is holding a brilliant revel in her home. Among the guests is a young man from Provence, Alfredo, who is in love with Violetta and after much persuasion she agrees to leave her gay life and return with him to a humble apartment in Paris. After a few brief moments of happiness the lovers are discovered by Alfredo's father, who pleads with Violetta to release his son from his promises. She yields for his sake and resumes her former life in Paris. Alfredo, not knowing the real cause of her desertion, seeks her out and publicly insults her. Too late he discovers the sacrifice Violetta has made and when he returns full of remorse he finds her dying of consumption and she expires in his arms.

CARMEN.

Jose, a young brigadier, is keeping guard in a public square in Seville. Micaela, a peasant girl whom he loved in his peasant home, comes to seek him with a message from his mother. As Jose appears, the girls stream out from a cigarette factory close by and with them their leading spirit is Jose's

THATS IN PARLIAMENT.

Long before the late Mr. Keir Hardie entered the House of Commons in a deerstalker's helmet the soft hat had been recognised as symptomatic of advanced views in the wearer (writes "D.P." in the Manchester Guardian), and anyone observant in such things might have identified the four Parliamentary candidates for Rusholme, by their clothes alone. Number one (from left to right) wears a soft hat; clearly the owner is "advanced," but the hat is new, good, and shapely, so he is not extreme. He is too much in earnest to "dress," and his trousers are positively elegant. His attitude is philosophically Radical—evidently Mr. Fringle. Number two wears the fashionable bowler that goes with King and Constitution; there is richness in the velvet-collared overcoat, the only garment of the three exhibited that really fits its wearer. There is elegance in the button-hole, and ostentation in the muffler. His are the only trousers with an obvious crease. He is the only candidate wearing gloves and spats; undoubtedly he represents the prosperous classes, stability, and Empire, and is Captain Throble. One need only refer to the hat of number three. It is aggressively soft and shapeless—revolutionary, in a word; Dr. Dunstan, of course. The fourth candidate must naturally be Captain Cresswell, and his clothes are appropriate to his politics. There is Conservatism in the hard bowler, but the remainder of his attire is careless and unofficial. He is "off" the regular party line, and his easy attitude shows it.

PROFESSOR AL CRICKETERS' WAGES.

First-class professional cricketers stand a good chance of having their wages raised in the near future. One or two of the larger counties have already decided to pay a player £10 a match instead of the customary £5. Whether the counties of slender income will be able to follow this example is doubtful, but it is quite certain that professional cricketers, like professional footballers, have in the past been underpaid. £10 a week, the gross earnings of a professional cricketer during the summer, may sound more than enough to the artisan who gets considerably less for work which is harder to perform and of more value to the community. It so happens, though, that capacity in the popular sports and entertainments is not to be assessed in that way. George Robey is not worth £500 a week if we look at his work from the point of "utility" value. But he attracts to a theatre in six nights considerably more money than his wages, and from that point of view he more than earns his opulent cheques. Similarly, a cricketer like Hobbs is capable of drawing, say, £300 a day to the Oval. Yet for this Hobbs is content to receive a few pounds a week, out of which he agrees to pay his own travelling and hotel bills. One may well imagine Mr. Lauder declaring an emphatic "Hoors" at such a phenomenon.—*Manchester Guardian.*

and adventure, Carmen, the gipsy. Attracted by the young brigadier, Carmen throws a flower at him leaving him bewildered at her beauty. A moment later a stabbing affray leads to Carmen's arrest and she is placed under the care of Jose himself, who vows her to escape. We are next taken to a tavern, the resort of smugglers and gipsies. Here arrives Escamillo, a torero, and he, like the rest, offers compliments to Carmen. Meanwhile two smugglers, Dancario and Remedado have an expedition afoot and need Carmen to accompany them. But she is awaiting the return of the Brigadier, who is a punishment for allowing her to escape, had gone to prison. His arrival leads to an ardent love scene. Carmen dances her wild gipsy measures before him yet in the midst of all he hears the regimental trumpet sounding the retreat, and finally his Captain arrives and orders him back. He defies the officer who is bound by the smugglers and he deserts his regiment. We next find Jose with the smugglers in a rocky camp in the mountains. His dislike for a bandit's life however, displeases Carmen, who scornfully bids him return home, she also foreseeing by gipsy fashion with the cards that they would end their careers tragically together. In the midst of this two visitors arrive, Escamillo, the torero, and Micaela, with a message from Jose's dying mother. The soldier, frustrated in his attempt to kill Escamillo, cannot resist the girl's appeal and departs promising to return for his revenge. The final scene is outside the Plaza de Toros at Seville, the scene of Escamillo's triumphs in the ring. Carmen has returned to witness the prowess of her new lover and is informed that Jose, half crazed with jealousy, is watching. They soon meet and Jose appeals to her to return to him. She refuses and Jose stabs her, whilst within the arena the crowd is heard proclaiming the triumph of Escamillo. Jose stabs himself and falls across the body of Carmen.

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MEXICAN FOSSIL SHATTERS THE RECORD OF OG.

Many tall stories have come out of Mexico, but the tallest of all is this concerning the stone man said to have been dug up in the State of Vera Cruz. He is rather more than 32ft. 10in., say, 11 yards, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet.

The fossilised remains, according to an Associated Press despatch from Mexico City, quoted by Reuters, were discovered by workers near the little village of Naranampala. The natives, we are told, declared that the giant was related to the gods of their forefathers. But, of course, he may only have been some high official. Perhaps a Mexican First Lord. In any case, he is lucky to be a fossil. To feed and clothe 11 yards of ordinary man in these days would make him stouter than ever.

This, of course, is the end of poor old Og. His late Majesty of Basan, who formerly held the altitude record, was only 16ft. 6in. Goliath, a mere pigmy of 12ft. or so, is relegated to the ranks of the also rans.

For a dug-out, even though well-related, the tall gentleman was very handsomely treated by the folk at Naranampala. They erected a catalogue in the plaza, and there was a lying in state with the giant, assisted by most of the local correspondents, to do the lying. They covered him with flowers and carefully guarded him at night.

Shades of Mark Twain! Scientists are now on the trail. Their verdict will be interesting. One of them is already "inclined to the opinion that the fossil will prove to be that of a prehistoric vertebrate not of the human race."

REJUVENATION.

Replying to the question "Can an old man be made young again by engraving into him some of the organs of a young monkey?" Dr. Josiah Oldfield, of the Lady Margaret Hospital, Bromley, Kent, said to a representative of the *Manchester Guardian*:—"Within certain limitations I think it would be quite possible. Take an old crabtree and cut it down to the main stem, and then graft on to this old stem scions from a young apple tree, and in a few years you will have a fine, head of vigorous young growth. The old tree starts a new activity again, and, within limits, by constantly renewing with young scions a tree may attain immortality."

Following a similar line of argument (asked the Press representative), and with the necessary variations between vegetable cell vitality and the cell vitality of highly organised human beings, may we not make a human individual almost immortal by engraving into him at recurring intervals some organs from a youth of the human or primate group of animals? Theoretically "Yes," but practically I think "No," excepting under very rare circumstances.

Why not?—An old man has no young trunk to graft upon. He begins to age in his central organs of nutrition, and with an old stomach and an old liver I can see no rational ground for believing that the implantation of a young organ will have any real permanent effect upon his vitality or can rejuvenate him. My own contributions towards the discovery of prolonging life lie in attempting to discover the most suitable organic acids which will prevent deposit of waste matter in the lumen of the blood vessels and within the cell envelope of the absorptive cells of the alimentary canal—or, to dissolve waste matter already deposited.

DANCE DRESSES.

Nymphs and sylphs and goddesses of the ballroom are yielding to mere mortals clad in all sorts of worldly, ridiculous, amusing, and impertinent dresses. No longer do the soft, clinging stuffs worn by heroines in books take the first place. No longer are dancers—swaying like leaves—to be shapeless, yielding, angleless. Shape has become important again—shape of all kinds, as long as it is bold. And in contradistinction to long lines, the lines of the new dance dresses fly off at tangents and have as many angles as a kindergarten drawing-book.

Crepe-de-Chine—now become a shibboleth—is being fiercely attacked by such crisp materials as tulle—materials which can stand out by themselves and do not model themselves upon the figure they contain. Cloth of gold, very fine yielding cloth of gold, is everywhere in demand by those who can afford it, and there is a great deal of substance in the limp, est cloth of gold. Lace, again, can be bunched and rounded, and legs are being bunched and rounded. Soft saris and chiffons are well enough in their place, but their place is no longer the whole place. They are suffering the assaults of brocades—preferably metallic brocades if they can be afforded—and of velvets.

Waists are anywhere. That is to say, they can be above the natural waist or below it, they can even be the natural waist if necessary. Generally speaking, the waistline is fast a shade above the natural waist. This is to allow of high belts, which serve as bodices. No curve inward—is allowed in these belts. They must look straight and starched and self-sufficient. Tiers upon tiers of flounces are perfectly safe for anyone who wishes to be really in the fashion, the general outline being boat-shaped, or like a bell with a handle.

The ballet tradition makes fullness at the hips seem particularly suited for dance dresses. They are taking full advantage of this. Panniers of some-kind are almost essential, and a great many dresses are based out on an almost Elizabethan model. With the concentration of fashion upon the skirt, the bodice is of the simplest cut. Thus one dress of lemon taffetas—lemon and jade are the two most popular colours—is puffed out at the hips and again puffed out as far as the knees. The bodice is merely like the top of the letter H, with a rather broad stroke across the middle. These square necks and straight, close-fitting bodices are particularly becoming to quite young girls. Another dress of lemon taffetas has a skirt which looks as though it were made of petals, while down each side, to give the extra width, hangs a piece of draped silk. In this case the high belt is cut diagonally and the top of the bodice made of chiffon, closely gathered. A third dress of the same colour is made with a full skirt tucked up at the bottom like a Turkish trouser. Rather more severe is a jade taffetas—still with the straight bodice. The skirt begins rather straightly, too, but before it has proceeded more than three or four inches, it is cut clean across by what looks like a crow's nest of taffetas—tucked three times round the top. The crow's nest, of course, sticks out four or five inches beyond the natural hip at right angles to it. It is flattened by tacking it, to the front and back of the skirt, but leaving the sides open. They are stiffened with muslin to keep them in place. Among the taffetas the flowered variety finds a place in confections of the shepherdess nature.—*M.H. in the Manchester Guardian.*

